AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0168] as follows:

With reference to FIGS. 12, 16-19 and 21, the CS Platform 115 can preferably take the form of a networked, embedded personal computer. Additionally, the add-on component can take the form of a headless box. In whatever particular form, the add-on component 115 is connected to the IOT via at least one physical interface. The VI for the CS Platform 115 is available at any browser on the local network and is served by an embedded web server 130 in the CS Platform 115. In a preferred embodiment the user would use the browser on their DFE as the local VI for the CS Platform 115. The CS Platform 115 is preferably networked and configured, just as any browser is configured, to know the local network proxies, firewall passwords, DNS server IP addresses, and so forth, so that it can connect to the edge server 410 server which is available on the Internet 400. When running, the CS Platform 115 will use this connection to check for messages and instructions and will send required data in support of subscribed services 140 as well. The edge server 410 server manages the queues, messages, services, and transactions associated with the end-to-end operation of the device services.

Please amend paragraph [0189] as follows:

The CS Platform is configured for the network just as any browser would be configured. This can be done manually via form fill-in on the CS Platform VI. It can also be done through a look-up to see the setting already found in the web browser platform if the OS provides that capability. This would provide the base-line settings and the user then has the ability to customize or correct them as necessary.

Once configured, a Test Configuration button can be provided that immediately tries to contact the supplier edge server 410 server to ensure that the settings are correct before the user leaves the network administration page.